

83849 DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM

MFG. 11-70

CABLE SECRETARIAT DISSEM BY

PER #

TOTAL COPIES:

REPRO BY

CABLE SECRETARIAT ROUTING: EXDIS,  
BACKGROUND USE ONLY: FILE CS/RF,  
DCI (orig), D/DCI, DDP, SDO, D/OCI,  
D/ONE, C/NE, ~~NOTE~~, D/NIC,

State Dept. declassification & release instructions on file

SECRET

HCM321

PAGE 01 ATHENS 00802 191532Z

46

ACTION SS-45

INFO OCT-01 (CCO-00, CIAE-00, ) W

001710

R 191332Z FEB 71

FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2108

SECRET ATHENS 0802

EXDIS

SUBJECT: LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE VISIT

1. AT DIPLOMATIC LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 13 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF STATE DIMITSAS GAVE EMBOFFS HIS VERSION OF HIS MEETING WITH LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE. HE COMMENTED HE HAD PERHAPS MADE MISTAKE NOT HAVING SOMEONE ELSE FROM HIS OFFICE PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION SINCE HE HAD FOUND STAFF DEL SO BIASED HE SUPPOSED HE MUST ANTICIPATE LESS THAN OBJECTIVE ACCOUNT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH THEM SHOULD THEY CHOOSE (WHICH HE DOUBTED) TO INCLUDE ANYTHING HE HAD TOLD THEM IN THEIR EVENTUAL REPORT. HE MENTIONED THAT AFTER SEVERAL RELATIVELY SHARP EXCHANGES AT OUTSET THEY HAD VERY OBVIOUSLY PUT THEIR NOTEBOOKS IN THEIR POCKETS AND CEASED TAKING NOTES ON ANYTHING HE SAID. HIS DESCRIPTION OF THEIR APPROACH TO GREEK PROBLEMS WAS "NAIVE AND YOUTHFUL," AND HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW THEY COULD PRODUCE A USEFUL REPORT ON GREEK SITUATION.

2. CONVERSATION APPARENTLY BEGAN BY HIS ASKING STAFF DEL HOW LONG THEY WOULD BE IN GREECE TO PURSUE THEIR INQUIRY. WHEN THEY RESPONDED ONE WEEK HE ASKED WHETHER THEY WERE CONSULTING AMERICAN EMBASSY HERE AND GREEK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BOTH OF WHICH HAD CONSIDERABLE DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE OF GREEK SCENE. HE HAD FOUND IT SURPRISING TO RECEIVE NEGATIVE RESPONSES WITH COMMENT THAT RESPECTIVE EMBASSY VIEWS WERE OF NO INTEREST TO THEM AND BESIDES "AMERICAN EMBASSY DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE."

3. NEXT QUESTION TO HIM HAD BEEN WHO HAD VOTED IN PRESENT

SECRET

CABLE SECRETARIAT DISSEM BY

PER #

TOTAL COPIES:

REPRO BY

FILE RF

SECRET

PAGE 02 ATHENS 00802 191532Z

REGIME AND SUPPORTED REVOLUTION. HE SAID HE HAD TURNED QUESTION BACK BY ASKING WHO HAD VOTED IN FATHERS OF AMERICAN AND FRENCH REVOLUTIONS AND BY POINTING OUT REVOLUTIONS DID NOT COME ABOUT BY VOTE. THEY DID NOT RESPOND.

4. HE HAD ALSO ASKED STAFF DEL WHETHER THEY WERE FAMILAR WITH RECENT GREEK HISTORY, PARTICULARLY THAT AFTER WORLD WAR I AND AGAIN AFTER WORLD WAR II, SINCE THIS WAS RELEVANT PRESPECTIVE IN WHICH TO VIEW PRESENT POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN GREECE. THEY BOTH ACKNOWLEDGED THEY WERE NOT BUT ALSO EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN ANY SUCH BACKGROUND.

5. DIMITSAS SAID STAFF DEL ALSO ASKED SOME PERFUNCTORY QUESTIONS ABOUT FUNCTION OF COUNCIL OF STATE WITHIN GREEK JUDICIAL SCHEME. LOWENSTEIN ALSO RAISED QUESTION ABOUT JUSTIFICATION FOR HOLDING INDIVIDUALS UNDER DETENTION WITHOUT BRINGING THEM TO TRIAL. DIMITSAS REPLIED THAT SUCH PRACTICE NOT UNUSUAL AND CITED LONG DELAYS IN U.S. COURTS. LOWENSTEIN POINTED OUT U.S. LEGAL AND BAIL PROCEDURES. DIMITSAS REPLIED IN SOME CASES A POOR MAN WITHOUT FRIENDS WOULD BE UNABLE TO MEET HIGH BAIL REQUIREMENTS IN U.S., AND HE THOUGHT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT DENIED EQUAL TREATMENT. TASCA

NOTE BY OC/T: LIMDIS CAPTION DELETED, EXDIS CAPTION INSERTED PER MR. RILEY, S-S-0, 2/19/71

SECRET